
Chairmanship: Switzerland**982nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 30 January 2014

Opened: 9.35 a.m.
Suspended: 12.30 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 3.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger
Ms. A. Rauber Saxer

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL MINISTER
FOR EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
H.E. SEBASTIAN KURZ

Chairperson, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of Austria (PC.DEL/85/14), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/52/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/49/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/78/14), Holy See (PC.DEL/57/14), Canada, Turkey, Norway (also on behalf of Mongolia) (PC.DEL/81/14), Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/84/14), Georgia (PC.DEL/72/14), Albania (PC.DEL/66/14/Rev.1), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/67/14), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Armenia

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS,
H.E. PETER MAURER

Chairperson, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (PC.DEL/46/14), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the

countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/53/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/51/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/79/14), Holy See (PC.DEL/58/14), Canada, Turkey, United Kingdom, Norway (PC.DEL/82/14), Croatia, Armenia, Georgia (PC.DEL/73/14), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/68/14), Serbia (PC.DEL/74/14), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, on 27 January 2014*: Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/54/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/50/14), Holy See (PC.DEL/59/14), Turkey, Ukraine, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/80/14)
- (b) *The death penalty in Belarus*: Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/55/14), Belarus
- (c) *The death penalty in the United States of America*: Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/56/14), Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Iceland, Mongolia and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/77/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/70/14)
- (d) *Review of signals intelligence programmes in the United States of America*: United States of America (PC.DEL/61/14), Germany
- (e) *XXII Olympic Winter Games, to be held in Sochi, Russian Federation, from 7 to 23 February 2014*: United States of America (PC.DEL/62/14)
- (f) *Response to a statement by the United States of America on human rights and fundamental freedoms in Azerbaijan made at the 981st meeting of the Permanent Council*: Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/69/14/Corr.1)

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Situation in Ukraine*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/23/14), Greece-European Union (PC.DEL/65/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/63/14), Canada, Norway (PC.DEL/83/14), Russian Federation, Ukraine, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
- (b) *Wilton Park Conference on Addressing Implementation Gaps: Improving Cooperation between Global and Regional Human Rights Mechanisms, held in the United Kingdom from 23 to 25 January 2014*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/23/14)
- (c) *First preparatory meeting of the twenty-second OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum on Responding to Environmental Challenges with a view to Promoting Co-operation and Security in the OSCE area, held in Vienna on 27 and 28 January 2014*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/23/14)

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/9/14 OSCE+)*: Secretary General
- (b) *Deployment of an election support team to Afghanistan*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/9/14 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/60/14)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Elections to the European Parliament to be held between 22 and 25 May 2014*: Greece-European Union (PC.DEL/64/14)
- (b) *Federal and regional elections in Belgium, to be held on 25 May 2014*: Belgium (PC.DEL/71/14)
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Serbia, to be held on 16 March 2014*: Serbia (Annex)
- (d) *So-called "referendum" in the Gagauz Territorial Autonomy, to be held on 2 February 2014*: Moldova (PC.DEL/75/14 OSCE+)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 February 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Mr. Chairperson,

I wish to inform the Permanent Council that the President of the Republic of Serbia H.E. Tomislav Nikolić announced on 29 January that early parliamentary elections will be held in the Republic of Serbia on 16 March 2014.

In line with the OSCE commitments from the Copenhagen Document 1990 and the Istanbul Declaration 1999, we take this opportunity to extend an invitation to observers from participating States, the ODIHR and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

The Republic of Serbia welcomes the presence of OSCE observers as an opportunity to once again demonstrate the high standards in conducting elections and its dedication to fulfilling the OSCE commitments.

I would ask you, Mr. Chairperson, to attach the text of this statement to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you.